

The Rush County Council met in regular session on Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. with Gerald Mohr, Chairman, Warren Norris, Charles Smith, Janet Kile, Marvin Hedrick, Kevin Spilman, Mary Ann Beard, Auditor and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance. Jerry Kent was absent.

Chairman, Gerald Mohr called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the November meeting were approved on a motion by Charlie Smith and seconded by Marvin Hedrick.

### **ECDC**

Director, John McCane submitted a letter of support to the Indiana Department of Transportation for the extension of Cherry Street and the 200 North project. Janet Kile moved to approve the support of the project. Warren Norris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Marvin Hedrick reported that someone was interested in doing a brownfields inspection of the mini-mart in Glenwood.

The proposed TIF district at St Rd 244 and St Rd 3 is being sought to eventually bring water and sewer to the Shafstall property. The county can establish a Redevelopment Commission or sign on to Rushville City's Redevelopment Commissioner and allow then to be the vehicle for TIF.

Gerald Mohr reported the timeline on the 16<sup>th</sup> St project is eighteen months.

### **LEPC/EMA**

Chuck Kemker, EMA director requested a transfer for the LEPC fund in the amount of \$3,000 for Equipment from Haz Mat Training. The money will be used for heaters. Kevin Spilman moved to approve with Charles Smith seconding the motion. Motion carried. Kemker reported that the Public Service building did not sell. Therefore, storage of the EMA equipment continues at that site.

### **IT**

IT director Randy Herbert requested a transfer of \$4,000 from Telephone-Courthouse/Jail to Courthouse Equipment to purchase laptops, a scanner and a printer for the Sheriff and Public Defender. Marvin Hedrick made the motion to approve. Kevin Spilman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **SHERIFF**

Sheriff Sherwood reported that there are 44 inmates. The Sheriff reported that he has been checking inmate prescription costs. The Rushville Pharmacy is higher but they bubble pack the prescriptions. The other comparison was Mathes Pharmacy from New Albany. Leigh Morning suggested researching the Federal Distribution Drug Program while Mary Ann Beard recommended the NACo drug program which offers discounts and a rebate to the county. Sherwood announced that Randy Meek will begin January 4<sup>th</sup> as the new deputy.

The sheriff locked in the gasoline bid for 2014 at \$3.09 per gallon with Country Mark. The Sheriff reported that Terry Drake resigned his rank as Sergeant to fulfill the Chief Deputy position. Sherwood would like to appoint a Detective and a Sergeant but would require the transfer of funds and an amended salary ordinance. Marvin Hedrick moved to approve if the money is in the budget. Charles Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **AUDITOR**

Auditor Mary Ann Beard requested a transfer of \$1,500 in the Ineligible Homestead Fund from Professional Services to Equipment. Marvin Hedrick made a motion to approve while Warren Norris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

An additional appropriation of the Edit Fund in the amount of \$30,000 to pay the professional fees of the Nordex Windfarm Project was reluctantly made by Charles Smith with Kevin Spilman offering the second. Motion carried with Marvin Hedrick and Warren Norris voting "No".

The Emergency Preparedness Grant was approved for appropriation numbers only on a motion by Warren Norris and seconded by Kevin Spilman. Motion carried.

The Auditor was given permission to make emergency transfers for year end. The changes will be approved by the council in January. Motion to approve by Marvin Hedrick and seconded by Janet Kile

### **2014 APPOINTMENTS**

Alcoholic Beverage Board-John Mull, motion by Warren Norris and seconded by Kevin Spilman. Motion carried.

Fiber Board-Ron Jarman, motion by Charles Smith and seconded by Kevin Spilman. Motion carried.

Hospital Board-Kip Burkett, motion by Marvin Hedrick and seconded by Janet Kile. Motion carried.

APC-Marvin Hedrick, ECDC- Janet Kile, Health-Kevin Spilman, Solid Waste-Warren Norris, and EMA-Charles Smith.

### **AMENDED SALARY ORDINANCE**

The amended salary ordinance was adopted on a motion by Warren Norris and seconded by Kevin Spilman. Motion carried. It was amended to pay the additional salary of the Assessor and the Deputy Assessor for reaching level II certification. Marvin Hedrick stated that he would like to see a system of longevity addressed. This ordinance may be found in the County Council Ordinance and Resolution Book #2.

### **RUSH MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AMBULANCE**

Gerald Mohr reported that Rush Memorial would be returning \$350,000 of ambulance depreciation funds after the first of the year. The hospital will retain \$150,000 to replace an ambulance. The delay in the return is due to a property acquisition by the hospital.

Motion to adjourn was initiated by Marvin Hedrick. Kevin Spilman seconded the motion,  
Motion carried.

/s/ Gerald Mohr  
Gerald Mohr, Chairman

/s/ Warren Norris  
Warren Norris

/s/ Charles Smith  
Charles Smith

/s/ Janet Kile  
Janet Kile

/s/ Marvin Hedrick  
Marvin Hedrick

/s/ Kevin Spilman  
Kevin Spilman

/s/ Jerry Kent  
Jerry Kent

ATTEST:

/s/ Mary Ann Beard  
Mary Ann Beard, Auditor